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The Honorable H. Stromm Mansel  
Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs  
Department of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mansel:

The Central Intelligence Agency enjoys substantial benefits from the continued participation of its selected representatives in Department of Defense Schools and Colleges. I now seek your assistance in securing for CIA an opportunity to enroll one Agency representative in the Eighth Session of the NATO Defense College, beginning on or about 1 September 1955.

As a result of preliminary and informal discussions between a representative of the Office of Training, CIA, Captain W. W. Armstrong, USN, of your office, and Colonel E. H. Farney, USMC, of the NATO Standing Group, it was concluded that further arrangements should await your approval of this proposal.

Participation in the NATO Defense College by selected senior analysts engaged in joint committee work involving NATO activities would materially enhance their understanding of the NATO structure and its basic operating principles and concepts. Should it be favorable from your point of view to assist the Agency in this respect, I would like to nominate  as the first Agency participant in the NATO Defense College.  is a GS-15 analyst in the Office of National Estimates and is authorized to receive and handle information classified up through Top Secret.

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The Honorable H. Strobe Hassel

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Subject to your approval of this request, I am designating Mr. Matthew Baird, Director of Training, CIA, extension [ ] to provide any further information or assistance required to complete the action. Your assistance in this request is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Matt Baird advises me that the NATO Defense College is located at Paris, France.

The course is of 5 months duration.

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23 March 1955  
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MEMORANDUM <sup>REPL</sup> FOR: MR. DULLES

The attached letter to Struve Hensel requesting his assistance in the enrollment of a CIA representative to the NATO Defense College was drafted by Matt Baird who advises me that it is the desire of ONE to keep one position in the College filled if possible. With the concurrence of Bob Amory,   has been selected as the nominee for the session beginning in September, 1955.

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